Import of duty-free components for vehicle manufacture

4597. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to import duty-free components for vehicle manufacture;

(b) if so, what would be the outflow of foreign exchange on this account; and

(c) what are the figures of export of automobiles at present and what are the future projections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Exports of automobiles during 1987 were as under :

Buses	968 nos.
Trucks	1973
3-wheelers	3443
Cars	107
Jeeps	1165
LCVs	439
Scooters	3015
M/Cycles	158
Mopeds	224

A Sub-Group on Automobiles & Earthmoving Industry for VIIth plan had recommended export targets of 10,000 commercial vehicles, 50,000 two-wheelers, 10,000 cars per annum by 1989-90.

Monitoring of the prices of drugs

4598. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 647 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the details of the cost of services conversion cost element-wise, including depreciation interest, bonus, profit, etc. are not being obtained;

(b) if so, in what manner and on what basis the prices are being monitored;

(c) what are the details based on which prices of medicines have been monitored and subsequently reduced; and

(d) what are the details of the system being adopted for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) . The monitoring of prices of non-scheduled items of DPCO, 1987 is done by the Governmentof case to case basis effectively.

Acceptance of Telegrams during night

4599. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state,

(a) whether it is a fact that ordinary telegrams are not accepted during night at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reintroduce the facility; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?